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1. THERE ARE SEVERAL POTENTIAL PROBLEMS POSED BY DRAFT
FINNISH RES CALLING FOR SYG STUDY OF QUESTION OF NUCLEAR
FREE ZONES "IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS". WE DOUBT VALUE OF
REVIEW OF SECURITY ASSURANCES, WHICH COULD AFFECT RESIDUAL
VALUE OF ASSURANCES OF SECURITY COUNCIL RES 255 AND RESULT
IN ADDITIONAL CALLS FOR SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR NNWS.

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PNE QUESTION ALSO POSES PROBLEM; THERE LIKELY TO BE STRONG

MINORITY OF EXPERTS PUSHING FOR ENDORSEMENT IN STUDY OF RIGHT TO INDIGENOUS PNE CAPABILITY. DRAFT ALSO CALLS ON "CONSULTANT", PRESUMABLY PRIVATE, EXPERTS TO DISCUSS HIGHLY POLITICAL QUESTIONS RATHER THAN TECHNICAL MATTERS WHICH ARE USUAL SUBSTANCE OF STUDIES UNDER SYG AUSPICES. WE ALSO FIND DIFFICULTY WITH IDEA OF DISCUSSION OF NFZ'S IN ABSTRACT, AND US DEL SHOULD TELL FINNS THAT IN VIEW OF THE SEVERAL SPECIFIC NFZ PROPOSALS BEFORE UNGA WE HAVE DOUBTS OF UTILITY OF GENERAL STUDY, AS EACH AREA PRESENTS ITS OWN PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.

2. BECAUSE OF THESE PROBLEMS WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT FINNISH PROPOSAL AND DO NOT WISH TO GIVE IT ACTIVE

SUPPORT. HOWEVER, GIVEN INTEREST IN UNGA IN NFZ'S AND PROLIFERATION QUESTION, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT IF DRAFT BROUGHT TO VOTE IT WILL RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT IN GA. STUDY WOULD THUS BE UNDERTAKEN WHETHER OR NOT USG SUPPORTS OR PARTICIPATES IN IT. WE WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN STUDY IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO NON-PROLIFERATION AND NFZ OBJECTIVES. WE WOULD THEREFORE SUPPORT RESOLUTION IF IT COMES TO VOTE FOR WHAT CREDIT THIS MAY LATER GIVE US DURING STUDY. DEL SHOULD MAKE OUR RESERVATIONS ON RES KNOWN TO FINNS AND INFORM THEM WE SUPPORT RES WITH SOME RELUCTANCE.

3. IF STUDY IS UNDERTAKEN, WE PREFER THAT IT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS IN CCD WHERE WE AND LIKE-MINDED ALLIES HAVE GOOD REPRESENTATION AND GREATER CONTROL. IF THERE APPEARS TO BE SUPPORT IN UNGA FOR REFERRAL TO CCD, US DEL SHOULD DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF CCD STUDY WITH FINNS, NOTING THAT WE BELIEVE IT FAR PREFERABLE THAT GOVERNMENT EXPERTS DISCUSS WHOLLY POLITICAL QUESTION OF NFZ'S AND THAT WE WOULD FAVOR CCD STUDY. MAW

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